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In re Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
MANAGING SUPPLY AND DEMAND
IN A STRUCTURED ENVIRONMENT

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Examiner: J. Alpert

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In an Election Requirement dated March 27, 2006, the period for response extends through September 27, 2006, with the petition and five months extension of time fee concurrently submitted herewith, the Examiner required an election of single invention under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between: Invention I, allegedly corresponding to claims 1, 5, 7-9, 21-23, 28, 32, and 35; Invention II, allegedly corresponding to claims 3, 14-16, and 34; Invention III, allegedly corresponding to claims 2, 10-13, 29-31, and 33; Invention IV, allegedly corresponding to claims 4 and 17-20; and Invention V, allegedly corresponding to claims 6 and 24-27.

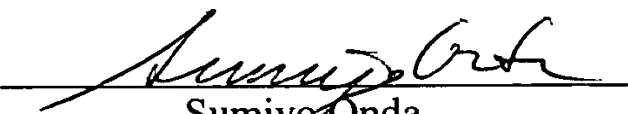
In response to the Election Requirement set forth in the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1, 5, 7-9, 21-23, 28, 32, and 35, without traverse. Applicants respectfully request a formal examination of the Invention I of this application.

Except for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. §1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

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